

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science
Minutes of Meeting 88-4
of the
Engineering and Computer Science Faculty Council
held
Friday, 20 May, 1988

Present: Professors M.N.S. Swamy (Chair); B.B. Bhattacharyya, A.E. Blach, B.B. Budkowska, M. Douglass, T. Fancott, P.P. Fazio, D. Feldman, P. Grogono, F.D. Hamblin, J.F. Hayes, O. Moselhi, M.O.M. Osman, R.V. Patel, E.I. Plotkin, A.J. Saber, F. Sadri, S. Sarraf, O. Schwelb, T. Stathopoulos; Mr. R. Martin (Registrar's Rep.); Mrs. Z. Jirkovsky (Library); Student representatives R.V. Dantu and V.Zeman (ECSGA); P.M. Bourassa (Secretary).

Absent with apology: Professors T.D. Bui, H.F. Li.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 88-4-1 Council unanimously adopted the published agenda.

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END OF CLOSED SESSION

4. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting 88-3

Motion 88-4-22 Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the minutes of Meeting 88-3.

5. Chairman's Remarks

Dr. Swamy said that he recently visited universities in the United Kingdom at the invitation of the British Council. He noted in particular some changes taking place at the graduate level.

6. Introduction of the Co-operative Format in Computer Engineering

The following motion, appearing in Doc. ECFC 88-3-5, was submitted for consideration by ECFC:

Motion 88-4-23 Subject to the conditions specified in ECFC Motion 87-1-3, the Engineering and Computer Science Faculty Council recommends to Senate that a limited number of students with high academic standing be admitted annually to undertake studies in the co-operative format leading to the B.Eng. degree in the Computer Engineering Option commencing in the 1989-90 academic year.

In the course of the discussion, it was stated that a document is being prepared and discussions will take place with the Institute for Co-operative Education. Studies will be made and, if positive, the Institute will apply for a grant. The present resolution will go to Senate only if the project is feasible.

Motion 88-4-23 was adopted by a vote of 19 in favour, none against and one abstention.

7. Summer Session

The following motions were presented to supersede the appropriate parts of Motion 86-4-3 (refer to Doc. ECFC 88-3-6):

Motion 88-4-24 With the possible exception of those courses required for the fourth study term of the co-operative schedule, all courses offered by the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science during Summer Sessions shall be of six

and one-half weeks duration, in one or other of two distinct terms, each commencing on the same date regardless of course level, with a break of at least one week between them.

Motion 88-4-25 Undergraduates, other than those registered for the fourth study term of a co-operative format, may not take more than a total of 8 credits of course work during a Summer Session, with a maximum of 4.5 credits in either of its terms, half the credits for courses extending over both Summer terms being assigned to each term in assessing its course load.

Motions 88-4-24 and 88-4-25 were both adopted unanimously. It was noted that they may have to be revised in a year or so when summer courses are offered in daytime for co-operative students.

The following motion was then presented:

Motion 88-4-26 Except for students registered in the fourth study term of a co-operative format, a maximum of eight credits from each individual Summer Session will be counted towards any programme offered by the Faculty of Engineering a Computer Science. Students will be granted exemption for any course taken beyond the specified maximum for a Summer Session, and such courses must be replaced in the usual manner for exemptions.

During the course of the discussion, strong reservations were expressed, particularly concerning the principle of denying credits already earned. In view of the fact that Council was divided, it was agreed, with the consent of both proposer and seconder, to withdraw Motion 88-4-26. The following motion was then presented:

Motion 88-4-27 Effective immediately, a maximum of 8 credits from each individual Summer Session after 1987 will be transferable into any programme offered by the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science.

Motion 88-4-27 was adopted by a vote of 21 in favour, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

8. Slot Course Proposal - Civil Engineering

The proposed course entitled "Public Transit Planning" described in Doc. ECFC 88-3-4 was not considered at the last ECFC meeting because it was believed that the course would not be offered in 1988-89. It has since been ascertained that the said course will in fact be offered in the forthcoming academic year and the proposal was submitted for Council's consideration.

Motion 88-4-28 A motion proposing the approval of a slot course on "Public Transit Planning" as described in Doc. ECFC 88-3-4 was carried unanimously.

9. Guidelines for Senate Evaluation of University Research Centres

A document entitled "Guidelines for Evaluation of University Research Centres" was prepared for Senate by the Senate Research Committee and, after some revisions, was referred, as Doc. US-88-2-D11 (revised), to all Faculty Councils for consideration and response in time for the October 1988 meeting of Senate.

Motion
88-4-29

A motion proposing that Doc. US-88-2-D11 (revised) be tabled until the next meeting was carried unanimously.

It was understood that the next meeting will be held in September and that this item should be at the top of the Agenda, since it could not be further delayed.

10. Other Business

No other business was presented.

11. Adjournment

Motion
88-4-30

Council unanimously adopted a motion to adjourn.